



## U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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# Community Informational

**TUCSON SECTOR BORDER PATROL --** In an effort to improve our communications within the community, we are sending you this Community Informational to inform you of significant actions taken by Border Patrol Agents in the Tucson Sector Area of Responsibility. We are excited to provide you this insight into issues that may appear in the media. We would appreciate your feedback and constructive criticism on how we can better keep you informed. If you would like to see something added, let us know. If you prefer not to receive this information, or know of someone who would like to receive it, please email us at [tcfieldcommunicationsbranch@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:tcfieldcommunicationsbranch@cbp.dhs.gov). Finally, feel free to forward this to others who may benefit from this information. The following is a rundown of activities that occurred over the past week within the Tucson Sector.

## Arrests

**(AJO)** Ajo Station agents arrested an illegal alien Thursday convicted of a sexual offense. The conviction was discovered by agents using the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS). The subject was held for prosecution.

**(CAG)** Border Patrol agents from the Casa Grande Station arrested an illegal alien Saturday previously convicted for a sexual offense with a minor. The conviction was identified using the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS). The subject was held for prosecution.

**(DGL)** Douglas Station agents arrested an illegal alien Saturday previously charged with spousal sexual assault. Agents found the charge using IAFIS. The subject was held for prosecution.

**(CAG)** Friday, agents from the Casa Grande Station arrested an illegal alien with an extraditable warrant from California for driving a vehicle without consent. Agents discovered the warrant using IAFIS. The subject was turned over to the Pinal County Sheriff's Office pending extradition.

Criminal aliens, such as sexual assailants, are among the many who attempt to enter the United States illegally. Technology, such as IAFIS, helps the Border Patrol quickly identify criminals and bring them to an appropriate law enforcement resolution.

## Seizures

**(DGL)** Agents from the Douglas Station, using a Remote Video Surveillance System (RVSS), spotted individuals loading marijuana into a truck near the border Wednesday. Agents responded and found the

truck containing 295 pounds of marijuana valued at close to \$236,000. The truck, marijuana and driver were taken to the Douglas Station for processing.

**(NGL)** On Saturday, Nogales agents at the Interstate 19 checkpoint referred a vehicle to secondary inspection. In secondary, agents using a Non-Intrusive Inspection (NII) system noticed anomalies in the vehicle, which turned out to be 50 pounds of marijuana in a hidden compartment valued at \$40,000. The marijuana, car and driver were taken to the Nogales Station for processing.

**(NGL)** Friday at the checkpoint, a Border Patrol canine team assisted with the discovery of 350 pounds of marijuana inside a hidden compartment in a trailer. The marijuana, truck and driver were taken to the Nogales Station for processing.

**(CAG)** Casa Grande agents, using a Mobile Surveillance System (MSS), spotted a group of 15 suspected illegal aliens Saturday in the West Desert. Agents responded but the subjects absconded, dropping backpacks which contained marijuana. Agents recovered the marijuana, weighing more than 800 pounds and valued at approximately \$690,000.

**(TUS)** Friday, Agents operating a Mobile Surveillance System acquired visual of two suspicious vehicles near Three Points, Arizona. As agents responded to the area, the suspects fled on foot. Agents then discovered that both vehicles contained a total of 135 bundles of marijuana. Record checks on the vehicles revealed that one had been reported stolen. Agents turned vehicle over to the Pima County Sheriff's Office. The second vehicle and all the marijuana were seized and transported to Tucson Station for processing.

The Border Patrol continues to use technology along the border to detect and identify possible threats to U.S. security. Technology, such as the RVSS, continues to give agents greater situational awareness along the border.

## **Rescues and Recoveries**

**(CAG)** Agents assigned to the Border Patrol's Search, Trauma and Rescues (BORSTAR) team located three subjects Wednesday who were left behind by their smuggler in the West Desert. BORSTAR agents provided assistance on scene before transporting the subjects to the Casa Grande Station for processing.

**(NCO)** Agents assigned to the Naco Station rescued a man Wednesday who was severely dehydrated. Agents patrolling near the border encountered a man who had just entered illegally west of Naco, Arizona. Medical personnel on scene determined the man needed further medical attention and he was transported to a local hospital.

**(CAG)** Friday, agents assigned to the Border Patrol Border Search, Trauma and Rescue (BORSTAR) team responded to a report of four illegal aliens abandoned by their smuggler. BORSTAR agents, along with the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Office of Air and Marine, conducted a search and later found the subjects. There were no reports of injuries.

The Border Patrol frequently provides aid to individuals left behind in the desert by smugglers who continue to put peoples' lives at risk. The Tucson Sector has more than 200 agents trained as emergency medical technicians and more than 3,200 agents available to respond to an emergency.